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USING THE LIQUID CRYSTAL ALIGNMENT AND METHOD FOR ALIGNMENT
OF LIQUID CRYSTAL MOLECULES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 15 as follows: